GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISA FREE ENTRY
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan are considering a proposal to allow their people totravel between the two countries without visa restrictions ;

(b) if so , the details thereof ;

(c) whether any discussion has been held between the two countries in this regard

(d) if so, the response of the Pakistan thereto ;

(e) whether the Union Government have studied the pros and cons of visa free entry between the two countries ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration to allow travel between India and Pakistan without the requirement of a visa. There have been no discussions between India and Pakistan on the subject.

(e) & (f) Does not arise.